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# MHRT/C Certification Program Update

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MHRT/C Webinar - June 13

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## Credit for Work Experience

New Option for Individuals  
with a Qualifying Related Degree\*

### What's the new option?

We're making a change to the current waiver option used to meet the MHRT/C requirements: If you want to earn your full MHRT/Community certificate, and hold a qualifying related degree,\* you can now use **six months** of relevant clinically-supervised work experience to meet one of the ten required courses.

Beginning on May 1, 2018, applicants with a qualifying related degree\* may use this *new* six-month option to meet the *current* course requirements. (Previously, you needed one-year of work experience.)

### Examples:

- Q:** *I have a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Do I qualify for this new option?*
- A:** *Yes, you can now use six months of related work experience (direct service in the behavioral health field working with adults or transition-age youth with mental illness or substance use disorders) instead of 12 months, to meet a course requirement.*
- Q:** *I have a Provisional MHRT/C Level B certificate, and have taken several college courses. I don't have my degree yet. Do I qualify for this new option?*
- A:** *No, this only applies to individuals who have a qualifying degree.*

### What if I already waived a course requirement?

Any waivers you have received will count towards the maximum of four you can currently take with this new option.

### Example:

- Q:** *I have an AA in Human Services and received a waiver for one required course. The waiver covered the period March 2017 to March 2018. Am I eligible to use this new option now?*
- A:** *Yes, you are eligible because you have a related degree. With the new option, you can apply for three more waivers, using six months of qualifying work experience for each. No time period used for a waiver can be used more than once.*

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## How does it work?

When you apply for the MHRT/C certificate (provisional or full), you can submit a request to use work experience to meet a MHRT/C certification requirement. Be sure to include the components listed below. Requests that do not contain all of the information below will not be approved.

- Supervisor must be clinically licensed at the Master's level
- Request must be written by applicant's direct supervisor at the time of the relevant experience
- Work experience must demonstrate competency in the course you want to credit
- Supervisor must have provided direct supervision to applicant for a minimum of six consecutive months for every MHRT/C course requested for credit (i.e., two full years of relevant work experience could be eligible for four MHRT/C course waivers). A **maximum** of four waivers may be obtained.
- Supervisor must document dates of supervision and these dates must include at least six consecutive months and have no overlapping time frames (i.e. January 2004-June 2004, July 2004-December 2004, etc.)
- If requesting more than one credit for work experience, each MHRT/C course must be addressed separately.

The redesigned MHRT/C certification program will be phased in over the next two years with complete implementation anticipated during the fall of 2019.

For additional updates, please visit the CFL website: [www.cfl-muskie.org](http://www.cfl-muskie.org).

\* A list of qualifying degree majors can be found on the next page.

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\* Below is the list of qualifying degree majors. The associate, bachelor, or master degree must have been earned at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning.

Art Therapy	Occupational Therapy
Behavioral Health	Physical Therapy
Behavioral Health & Human Services	Psychiatric Rehabilitation
Behavioral Science	Psychology
Communication Science & Disorders	Psychosocial Rehabilitation
Community Health	Public Health
Community Health Education	Rehabilitation Sciences
Community Mental Health	Rehabilitation Services
Counseling	Special Education
Criminology	Speech/Hearing Sciences
Health & Human Services	Speech-Language Pathology
Human Development	Social & Behavioral Science
Human Development & Family Studies	Social Rehabilitation
Human Services	Social Science
Mental Health	Social Services
Mental Health & Human Services	Social Work
Movement Therapy	Sociology
Music Therapy	Therapeutic Recreation
Nursing	

**Please keep your questions coming!**  
**We'll continue to update the FAQs page on our website.**

**What will happen if I don't update my full MHRT/C certificate?** Full MHRT/C certificates that are not updated with an expiration date, will be invalid after January 1, 2020. Please send us your complete current contact information at the email address below. We'll issue new certificates over the next several months.  
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